

REMARKS


In the aforesaid Office Action, claims 1-14, 26 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Rudolph (4,815,960), and claims 27-33 and 37 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Austin (6,360,577) taken together with Rudolph. Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base and any intervening claims. Claims 1-15, 26-33, 36-37 are pending (claims 16-25, 34 and 35 being canceled by this amendment).

The Examiner objected to claims 15, 16 and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 16, and claim 7 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 17. Applicants have amended claim 27 to require that the first internal chamber has a lobed cross-sectional shape (as set forth in allowable claim 15).

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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